

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
December 3, 2018**

Chairman Morris opened the Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Reading of Adequate Notice by Chairman Morris

Roll Call: Present: Morris, Adornetti, Simels, Skowronski, Aprile, Kilcomons, Peake
Absent: Russell, Casale

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: November 5, 2018

C/Peake made a Motion to approve and C/Adornetti offered a Second. Roll Call Vote:

Morris, Adornetti, Peake, Skowronski and Aprile vote yes to approve the minutes. Simels and Kilcomons abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Morris opened and closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Lacrosse – C/Skowronski noted that registration opened but some individuals said they had problems registering. Tara Trimarche said she could not register and was concerned the limit was reached. Secretary DeFelice noted that the program was opened for each age group and people have registered. If someone can't register they need to contact Recreation so the problem could be looked into. No teams have reached the limit. C/Skowronski noted that the November clinic was postponed to December. The board is meeting to plan out the year.

Soccer - C/Simels noted recreation soccer has finished with no issues and MUTS is paid up. C/Morris discussed the need to evaluate pain usage with adding the new park. Millstone Park should be ready by Fall 2019. A discussion ensued regarding how much different programs pay in to recreation and the resources that each program requires. C/Morris noted that Summer Recreation Camp should have a surplus each year but other programs should be revenue neutral taking into account resources that aren't easily quantifiable. C/Peake noted that if every program is revenue neutral each year nothing builds up to account for capital costs that need to be funded.

C/Kilcomons asked if the commission could look at consolidating field lining expenses across the various programs. Pop Warner spends a lot of time striping the field with its coaches and volunteers. C/Simels noted that MUTS tried to use volunteers to stripe the soccer fields but it became difficult to manage and control the quality of the striping. C/Aprile noted that using liquid paint could be more cost effective than using aerosol cans. The cost savings would justify the purchase of a machine similar to what Pop Warner uses. C/Morris expressed concern with having volunteers clean the machine after each use across multiple programs. A common approach to lining the fields needs to be developed. C/Kilcomons, C/Morris and C/Skowronski will get information for usage and level of interest among the programs using Millstone Park. Local landscapers might be interested in lining the fields for a fair price. C/Aprile asked if an outside company could be given a multi year contract and use their own equipment.

Committeeman Al Ferro asked Lacrosse and soccer to put a wish list together for the new park. He mentioned that certain areas of Millstone Park are encumbered property that won't permit a shed. It was suggested that an accurate map of those areas be created showing restricted areas for future reference. C/Morris noted that the shed location currently being discussed will be in an area originally proposed for a turf field so it should not be conflicting with any restricted area.

Basketball – C/Adornetti asked secretary DeFelice to provide an update on opening weekend. Opening weekend started off slow because the back doors were difficult to access and the locker room bathrooms were locked. Once things got underway, everything went fine. Committeeman Al Ferro asked about the process of securing gym time from the BOE. C/Morris noted that recreation has gotten to the point over the years of working out a process with the BOE that is working well with securing gym time while the BOE rents out the MPAC. C/Kilcomons noted that the 1st weekend went well. Using the bathrooms with the dance company group was not an issue. There is adequate gym time this year. C/Morris mentioned that there is a group of residents attending the BOE meeting to complain about gym time. He is concerned that they are misrepresenting themselves as speaking on behalf of Recreation. Someone from the Recreation department or Commission should attend to make sure the position of Recreation is presented properly.

Wrestling- New mats are at the Middle School. Only 1 is being used right now. A request will be made to the BOE to use both mats and remove the old mats.

Holiday Lighting – Takes place this Friday, December 7th. Secretary DeFelice noted that there are adequate volunteers. Not sure who “throws the switch”.

Millstone Park – C/Morris noted that the field lights were tested and look good. Discussions on how to set up the concession stand need to be held to be prepared for Fall.

Wagner Park- C/Morris noted that the large display cooler is installed. A small display cooler is going to be replaced by a refrigerator that can serve both Open Space needs and Recreation. Committeeman Ferro showed the commissioners the unit that is being considered. The cost will be split with Open Space. He noted that there needs to be better communication between township councils and commissions when they share facilities and new items are being considered for purchase. Committeeman Ferro noted that they are looking at a part time position to assist with the Recreation Department. C/Morris noted that Summer Camp will require a 2nd person assisting with recreation. He charged the Recreation Coordinator with making sure plans are in place to have proper coverage for the department during camp season.

Seeing no further business, C/Morris made a Motion to Adjourn and C/Adornetti offered a second. By unanimous vote, the Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew DeFelice